(c) and (d) Government are aware of collaboration between Pakistan and Chifla in a number of defence related projects including that relating to the development of a Main Battle Tank MBT 2000 (Ai khalid) Governm.nt have .iiinhj;nN ed, in bilateral and multilateral fora, its concern at the continuing supply by China of sophisticated weupo-n> and related technology to Pakistan beyond its legitimate requirements. Government have made it clear that this poses a threat to India's security and is not conducive to the main'en.nce of peace and stability in the region. Government have fteen taking neces sgry steps to safeguard 'he security and natoial inte-e=t and will con tlrlue to do so in keeping with its assessment of developments pertaining to India's security environment.

Fak* travel and telephone btlfa in ICCR

2500. SHRI RAINATH SINGH
'SURYA: SHR1 S. MUTHU MANI.

W.11 the PRIM1 MINISTER be pleased to state:

fal whether Gvernmenl are aware of mail* racket In fake travel and telc-*f* hills in the ICCR:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a) No, Sir. There is no such "racket in fake tra. vel or telephone bills" in the ICCR. The Council's accounts are audited every year by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India and such irregularities have not been indicated by them. Additionally the latest report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs of Parliament which went into the working of the ICCR j ctAisiderabie details has no reference u Such a racket in Travel and Telephos bills.

to) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

(el Question does not arise.

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2501. SHRiMATI JAYANTI PATNA1K: Will the PRIME M.N1STER « tl to state:

(a) the neas in which indina as bruckhed have estibished bilated ties

(b) whether any joint agreement has been the areas of com mon in tazest to both the countires

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWAN

(a) the basic framework of bilateran relations between indina and Bhutan ins the trety of friendship and cooprhas bilateral economic cooperation has been established between indnia and Bhutan the areas of bydoel power gological as plotical technical cooperation aires construction road contruction electrical distribution minig health educaths and tele communication indin is the press cipal donor of aid for the economic drest lopment of butan

(b) The India-Bhutan Trade and Commerce Agreement was renewed in February 1995 and is effective for a five year period from March 1995. Other Agreement signed between the two countries include those relating to (1) implementation of the Jaldhaka Hydro-electric Project in September 1961; (2) exchange of Postal parcels in December in 1970 (3) Chukha Hydro-electric Project